### **Donations to GCART:**

Our team is currently raising funds for an AKC Disaster Relief Trailer Grant which will provide our team with all the basic equipment needed to become fully operational. When GCART raises \$12,000, the American Kennel Club will match those funds with an additional \$10,000 and then provide us with a fully stocked trailer.

You can donate by going to www.akcreunite.org/donate. Please, make sure to specify the name of our local AKC sponsor "Hyattsville Dog Training Club for Greenbelt CART" in the "additional comments" section at the very bottom of the online form or on your check and donor form, if by mail.

Your company logo is eligible for inclusion on the trailer for donations of \$1000 or above. Contact GCART at GreenbeltCART@gmail.com for more information.



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## Join Us:

If you have an interest in joining the team, please contact us for more information. Or, see our FaceBook page for meeting information.





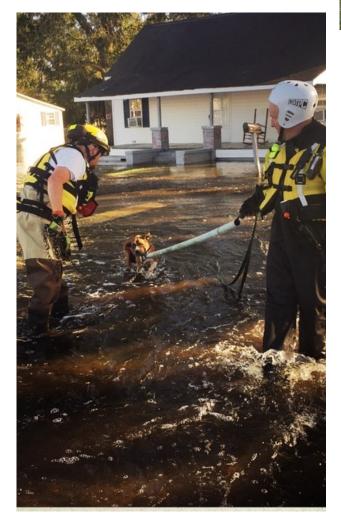
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# **Greenbelt CART**

# Community Animal Response Team



A **CART** is a group of trained volunteers who may or may not have experience in the fields of animal sheltering, animal handling, animal behavior, animal training and veterinary medicine. Many volunteers are pet owners who want to make a difference in their community.





# Why do we need CART?

- During a disaster, people and their pets are at increased risk for injury or death when they fail to evacuate.
- ✓ Evacuation failures increase the risk of injury or death of first responders.
- ✓ Animal response issues exist whenever a community experiences an emergency or disaster.
- ✓ During emergencies or disasters, people often refuse to evacuate without their animals or they return home before it is safe.

### **CART Mission**

- ✓ To provide our community with animal-related emergency response during disasters and local emergencies.
- ✓ To ensure our volunteers are trained and ready to provide community animal response, such as temporary sheltering of displaced animals through ongoing training, exercises and drills.
- ✓ To educate the public about disaster preparedness for their animals.

# Training Requirements

<u>Basic CERT training</u> (CERT = Community Emergency Response Team)

Community Animal Response Introductory Training: An introductory level training course available through a Team trainer or SART (State Animal Response Team)

FEMA IS-10 and IS-11:

Animals in Disaster independent on-line study modules

All CERT and FEMA training is free.



# What Does a CART Do?

A CART responds to several types of disasters including hurricanes, tornados, floods, fires and extreme winter storms. A CART also may assist animal control with cases of animal hoarding.

Functions of a CART include:

- ✓ Animal Search and Rescue
- ✓ Community Outreach and Education
- ✓ Animal Decontamination
- ✓ Animal First Aid and Triage
- ✓ Animal Emergency Sheltering